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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1(currently amended). A board game for simulating a sporting league in which a plurality of teams play matches in succession one against another to obtain relative positions in the league from the results of the matches, which board game is playable by one or more players and comprises a board, tokens representing said teams, a game die and match dice, wherein said board includes a path ~~(10)~~ from a start ~~(S)~~ to a finish ~~(F)~~, said path ~~(10)~~ being divided into a plurality of squares ~~(P, Y, G, B, R)~~ of which some ~~(G)~~ are identified as match squares, and wherein in use a player moves a designated token along said path ~~(10)~~ according to throws of the game die and when a said token is moved at least to ~~or past~~ a match square ~~(G)~~ two match dice are thrown and ~~the~~ respective scores are compared to determine a match result.

2(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 1 including a tabulation for showing the relative positions of teams, which tabulation includes means for adjusting the relative position of

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the team represented by said designated token according to the match result determined from the throw of the match dice.

3(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein some of the match squares ~~(G)~~ are designated as cup squares whereat the team represented by said designated token either continues in or is eliminated from a simulated knockout competition according to the match result determined from the throw of the match dice.

4(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 3 wherein the simulated knockout competition includes adjunctive teams from outside said league and the game includes means for varying the scores of the match throws.

5(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 4 including an adjunctive die whereby when thrown said scores are varied.

6(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 wherein some ~~(B, Y, R, P)~~ of said squares are

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identified as hazard squares each with associated instructions for a player when his designated token lands on a said hazard square.

7(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 6 including a plurality of hazard cards bearing said instructions associated with at least some of the hazard squares ~~(B, Y)~~.

8(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 7 wherein said hazard cards are divided into two sets respectively representing higher and lower levels of loss or gain.

9(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ Claim 1 including a quantity of coupons representing money wherein ~~the or each~~ at least one player is given an initial allocation of such coupons at the start of the game.

10(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 9 wherein a player can spend at least some ~~or all~~ of said initial allocation to represent a selected team.

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11(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 9 ~~or Claim 10~~ wherein the ~~or each~~ at least one player is given an additional amount of coupons at each match square ~~(6)~~.

12(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 11 wherein the additional amount is varied according to the match result for ~~the or~~ each player at each match square ~~(6)~~.

13(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any of Claims 9 to 12~~ Claim 9 wherein when a player's token lands on a designated hazard square ~~(P)~~ the player can invest coupons in an additional member of his team, which additional member enhances the score of that team in each succeeding match in which the additional member participates.

14(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim ~~14~~ 13 wherein the additional team member is selected by the player from a plurality represented by a set of star cards.

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15(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 14 wherein the set of star cards is divided into groups respectively representing different positions in a team.

16(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 15 wherein the investment required for an additional team member varies according to said position.

17(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 15 ~~or Claim 16~~ wherein the enhancement of the team's score varies according to said position of the additional member.

18(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any of Claims 9 to 17~~ Claim 9 wherein the ~~or each~~ at least one player is given a bonus amount of coupons at the finish, which bonus amount varies according to the finishing position of that player's team in the league.

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19(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 18 wherein additional bonus amounts of coupons are given to players for progress in ~~the~~ a simulated knockout competition.

20(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim ~~18 or~~ ~~claim~~ 19 wherein a special bonus amount of coupons is given at the finish to any player whose team wins both the league and the knockout competition.

21(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any of~~ ~~claims 9 to 20~~ Claim 9 wherein a player may start with an amount of coupons accrued at a preceding finish.

22(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any~~ ~~preceding claim~~ Claim 1 including emblems of teams in a real sporting league.

23(original). A board game as claimed in Claim 22, which board game is playable by a number of players up to and including the number of teams in the real sporting league.

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24(currently amended). A board game as claimed Claim 22 ~~or~~
~~Claim 23~~, which board game is modified for each season of the real
sporting league to reflect changes in the teams in that league.

25(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding claim~~ Claim 1 wherein all said squares are numbered.

26(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any~~
~~preceding claim~~ Claim 1 including recording means whereby progress
in play may be recorded during a pause.

27(currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 26
wherein said recording means comprises a sheet with spaces for
recording, for each player, the player's name, ~~the~~ a corresponding
team owned, ~~the~~ a current location of the player's token, ~~the~~ a
value of any money held, any cards held and any international stars
acquired.

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28 (currently amended). A board game for simulating a sporting league in which a plurality of teams play matches in succession one against another to obtain relative positions in the league from the results of the matches, which board game is playable by one or more players and comprises a board, tokens representing said teams, a game die, match dice and an adjunctive die, which game is played according to ~~rules substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawing~~ throws of the game die and corresponding moves of the tokens, throws of the match dice, and throws of the adjunctive die.

29 (original). A board game as claimed in Claim 28 wherein the game die bears numbers according to which the tokens are moved on the board.

30 (currently amended). A board game as claimed in Claim 28 ~~or Claim 29~~ wherein the two match dice bear numbers signifying match scores, which numbers are different between the two dice so as to represent home advantage in a match.

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31(currently amended). A board game as claimed in ~~any of~~
~~claims 28 to 30~~ Claim 28 wherein the adjunctive die is marked to
signify whether a penalty score is obtained.

32(currently amended). A board game ~~for simulating as claimed~~
~~in Claim 28 wherein the sporting league is~~ an association football
league, ~~which board game comprises a board, tokens representing~~
~~said teams, a game die, match dice and~~ wherein the adjunctive die
is a penalty die, ~~which game is played according to rules~~
~~substantially as hereinbefore set forth.~~

33(currently amended). A board game ~~for simulating as claimed~~
~~in Claim 28 wherein the sporting league is~~ an American football
league, ~~which board game comprises a board, tokens representing~~
~~said teams, a game die, match dice and~~ wherein the adjunctive die
is a penalty die, ~~which game is played according to rules~~
~~substantially as hereinbefore set forth.~~

34(currently amended). A board game ~~for simulating as claimed~~
~~in Claim 28 wherein the sporting league is~~ a Rugby football league,
~~which board game comprises a board, tokens representing said teams,~~

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~~a game die, match dice and wherein the adjunctive die is a penalty
die, which game is played according to rules substantially as
hereinbefore set forth.~~